

# A Very Merry Christmas

Nineteen hundred and fifty-five years ago, according to the time-reckoning system used by a large segment of the world's population, a legendary birth occurred. With the exception of an astral phenomenon still being studied and debated by learned astronomers, the event was unimpressive in its actualities. Its implications, however, were enormous, its import eternal.

The man born that night in a Jerusalem stable before the unwinking sheep and oxen, and who rested in a manger, was the man who founded the faith which was to be the motivating factor in man's struggle upward from the darkness of ignorance to the ever-expanding frontiers of civilization.

This gentle man, who gave himself to redeem the sins of his brothers, taught those who believed in him a new way of life, a way of kindness, understanding, tolerance, and love. And this was the very core of the strength of his faith. And this has

been the basis for its survival through centuries of turmoil, strife and persecution.

For the way of the Christian has not always been easy. On the contrary, it is almost always quite hard, and at times, all but impossible. And still Christianity continues its broad, flowing progress through the stream of the advance of mankind.

At times, the worst enemies of the faith have been the faithful themselves. There have been crimes against the spirit of Christianity committed in the name of Christianity. Many have been tortured, imprisoned or murdered, even though they obeyed the spirit of the faith, because they did not obey the letter.

Fortunately, the days of physical reprisal against dissenters has passed. There are no more Inquisitions, with burnings, or Blood Assizes. But there are still members of the family of man who are being persecuted in far more subtle and infinitely

more cruel ways. Many are those who have been caused to suffer because their color, faith or customs were "different," or even such minor details as their clothing, home, or manner of speaking.

Each year at this time, there is a great surge of spirit, of Christian feeling which may be discerned among the bustle of business, the tinselled trappings, and the endless social rounds of the season. All of us feel at times, no matter how busy we may become with the Yuletide festivities, a certain association with the basic ideals behind Christmas.

Is this not the time, then, for us to look around us at our fellow men and ask ourselves, "have I treated them as my brother?" And may we not, having answered ourselves, resolve to treat our brothers, all our brothers, as we would have them treat us?

MERRY CHRISTMAS

—BB

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### Faculty To Discuss State Aims Today

By Bill Borgfeldt

An examination of the goals and aims and the present program at SF State will be topics for discussion at the annual Faculty Conference at Asilomar.

As a result of the conference, all classes will be dismissed at 1 this afternoon, giving students two and one half extra days of Christmas vacation.

Following the keynote address by President J. Paul Leonard, the conference will break up into small discussion groups to look ahead and look behind on the college program offered by SF State. Discussion will be led by SF State faculty members.

Seven discussion-groups are planned. Subjects to be discussed include grading and standards, individualizing instruction, projections of present curricula, expanding the college-community relationships, graduate study program, junior college credential, program for candidates for secondary credentials.

The conference planning committee under the leadership of Dr. L. Wasserman has provided faculty members with a list of questions under each discussion group. In the group on "Grading and Standards" such questions as, "Should make-up examinations be given only when absence is excused by the Student Personnel Office?" or "Should the standards of instruction and the policies of grading among multiple-section courses be uniform?"

In the group on "Expanding College-Community Relationships" faculty members will discuss the possibilities of expanding the present policy of utilizing the faculties and personnel of the San Francisco business community, the Federal, State and local agencies, the world trade port, musical establishments, etc. In exchange, SF State facilities are made use of by these organizations.

Among the questions to be answered are, "Is the school taking full advantage of the facilities offered by the Academy of Sciences, the Planetarium, the Zoo, et al, for teaching purposes?" "How can student field trips to business establishments be made more valuable?"

The conference is for all faculty and staff members. Sessions will get underway late this afternoon and continue until Friday noon. The discussion groups will be led by SF State faculty members.

### Sigma Pi Sigma, Phi Lambda Chi Sing Way To Top

Sigma Pi Sigma fraternity and Phi Lambda Chi sorority were the winners in the first annual IFISC (Inter-Fraternity Inter-Sorority Council) sing held last Thursday in the Little Theatre.

Phi Lambda Chi, winner of the unlimited division, sang an original "Ole Man River" written by Paula Wright who also directed the group.

Sigma Pi Sigma, whose selection was, "Nothing Like A Dame," was directed by Bernie Johnston.

Judges for the contest were: Dotie Hansen, Virginia Jesky, Don Pitts and Don Sherwood. The contest winners were selected on the basis of musicianship, showmanship, and originality.

Both organizations won trophies and will have their names engraved on perpetual plaques.

Don Neathery, IFISC President, commenting on the "sing," said: "IFISC feels pleased with the attendance and success of the first 'Vocal Varieties,' and we hope that this will, in the future, add to and enhance the many activities of our campus."

Neathery also said, "we hope 'Vocal Varieties' will encourage other campus groups to participate in the future."

### Foreign Fellowships Offered To Graduates

Two fellowships to American graduates for the 1956-1957 academic year are being offered by the University of Ceylon, Peradeniya. Deadline for applications is tomorrow, Dec. 15.

Students are offered opportunities for study in sociology, economics, geography and History of Ceylon, language of the early Buddhist Scriptures.

Eligibility requirements are as follows: United States citizenship, good academic record, good moral character, personality and adaptability, broad knowledge of the culture in this country, and good health.

Candidates should apply to the United States Student Department of the Institute of International Education.

### Graduate Committee Revises MA Policy

A revision of policies and procedures pertaining to the selection of master's degree candidates and consideration of contract programs was announced today by the Graduate Study Committee of SF State.

Beginning with this semester, candidates are required to complete at least six units of their contract program, after filing it with the Graduate Study Committee, Ad. building, room 160. All contract programs must be approved by the major adviser and the division of graduate committee before submission.

New deadlines for submitting contract programs to the Graduate Study Committee, effective under the new revision, are as follows:

Jan. 16 — Last date for reporting results of comprehensive examination for candidates finishing

at end of fall semester.

Feb. 24 — Last date for filing contract program with Graduate Study Committee for full time students planning to finish end of '56 spring semester.

Jan. 27 — Last filing date for contract program with Graduate Study Committee for limited students finishing through end of spring semester.

May 15 — Last date for reporting results of comprehensive examination for candidates finishing at end of '56 spring semester.

June 29 — Contract programs must be filed with Graduate Study Committee by all students finishing end of '56 summer session.

Aug. 3 — Last date for filing contract program with Graduate Study Committee for all students finishing at end of post session '56.

### Stater Held on Sanity Writ Faces Trial Today

By Bill Boldenweck

The fast-moving case of Oliver Takash, SF State drama student who was ordered committed to Stockton State Hospital last Saturday on grounds of mental illness, took another turn yesterday when he was freed on a writ of Habeas Corpus by



Oliver Takash

Superior Court Judge Harold Caulfield pending his jury trial this morning at San Francisco Hospital.

Takash was taken to the psychopathic ward of San Francisco Hospital, where he was pronounced mentally ill at a hearing presided over by Superior Court Judge Twain Michelsen, who characterized his condition as appearing under the evidence, to be "potentially dangerous" and stated that he "should be committed." However, the commitment order was automatically suspended when attorneys Roy C. Hall and Robert J. Barbieri, hired by Takash's wife to fight the order, demanded a jury trial.

Decision to file the petition was not made until a "long and careful study" had been made by Dr. Bergstresser and Dr. A. Johnson, assistant dean of students for counseling, and later extensive consideration by the college's consulting psychiatrist, as well as intensive review by the office of the San Francisco District Attorney.

The petition came as the climax of a long series of incidents beginning as long ago as last spring, in which Takash's conduct had been brought to the attention of the dean's office many times by faculty members and members of the secretarial and maintenance staffs. The last issue of the Gater carried a letter to the editor from a student who took exception to his handling of a public address system during the Jim Garner blood drive, an incident which gave birth to widespread campus commot.

The case has received considerable city-wide attention since the plea for a jury trial was made. However, it is not the first case of this type at the college, Dean Johnson said. Several students have been committed to state institutions for treatment in the past, and have returned to the college after their release to successfully complete their studies, one going on to receive a master's degree.

"The welfare of this student himself is the most important consideration," Dr. Johnson stated, "and after long study of the case and consultation with the best medical and legal advisors available, we feel that this course of action will prove to be in his best interests."

The ruling which freed Takash yesterday was based on a section of the Welfare and Institution code regarding the serving of this type of petition.

### Reinstatement, Report Take Up BOD Meeting

Summary of the December 6 meeting of the SF State student Board of Directors:

One faculty member of the Board of Control has resigned, therefore, a letter was sent to President Leonard requesting that a new appointment be made.

The Organizations Board has approved the constitution of the International-Relations Club and reinstated them to on-campus functioning.

The previously planned Christmas Tree Lane has been cancelled due to the money and time element.

Alice Pappas gave a report concerning her trip to the Far Western Conference Students Leaders Association.

A letter was sent to the Farmer's Group Insurance Company requesting that circulars not be implanted on the cars in the student parking areas.

National Student Association Regional President Al Wilson spoke to the Board on the possibilities of SF State becoming a member of this association.

Bob Cannon, of SF State, and Paul N. Erickson and Marvin L. Rogers of the University of California appeared before the Board to ask that a drive be conducted on this campus to benefit the World University Service.



## 'Roberts' Performance 'Unqualified Success'

By Carla Wooley

Climaxing weeks of practice and hard work, "Mister Roberts," Thomas Heggen's and Josh Logan's compassionate World War II comedy was performed under the direction of Dr. Clarence Miller recently before a capacity audience, scoring an unqualified success for the Creative Arts Department.

Although we had some difficulty in preventing ourselves from comparing this very able version of the play to the motion picture production which has just recently been released, we feel these players did very well in establishing their interpretation completely independent from the motion picture version.

Leading the cast in the title role was Ray Truman as Mister Roberts. His portrayal of the courageous, sensitive Lieutenant Roberts are consistent, convincing, and most enjoyable.

The casual, almost spontaneous, air of the play are handled well by Truman, who held the play with his manner.

Highlighting the show as the worthless and lazy Ensign Pulver, Peter Garrett stole scene after scene with his hilarious interpretation. Especially smooth, Garrett captured the sincerity and likeableness of the hero-worshipping, braggadocio Ensign.

Dean Goodman, who plays the unreasonable, egocentric Captain, is outstanding in this typical navy role. He maintained his strong manner, and although we feel that there were parts which could have been more forceful, Goodman displayed much control.

We must mention here the superb scenery and sound effects, which did their most, and nearly succeeded in stealing the show. As we viewed sliding doors and rising scenes we could only begin to estimate the many hours of work amassed here.

Perhaps the most spectacular event was a cargo net which swung at the audience high above the stage bearing Sheldon Feldner (Schlemmer) who inspired applause from the audience with his drunken sailor routine.

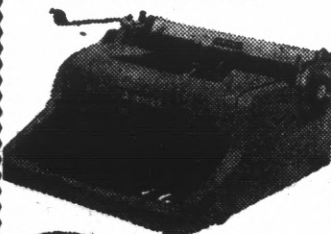
Another brilliantly done and scene stealing part was that of the hilarious seaman, Insignia, played ably by Ted Frank.

In a most consistent and likeable role was Tom Klunis as the understanding, comical "Doc."

Mary Mills as Lieutenant Ann Girard was adequate, however as the only female part in the play, we feel she could have done more to utilize her unique opportunity.

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### Letter to the Editor

Managing Editor:

Because of numerous typos in one particular paragraph of my statement that appeared in last week's edition of the Gater, and because an erroneous thought was inferred, I include here the correct paragraph for your readers:

"The immaturity and illiteracy of editors and many of the staff is evident. But in addition to this, the petitioners display bad faith

### Xmas Vacation

Christmas vacation begins this afternoon at 1 p.m. because of the faculty conference to be held at Asilamar tomorrow and Friday. Classes will resume Tuesday, Jan. 3, 1956.

in attributing to my standards of journalism their own various inadequacies."

Margot Pettit Neilson

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Led by high scoring Sam Citron, Coach Hal Harden's water polo team wound up their 1955 season with a record of six victories against five losses. The Gator mermen were victorious twice over such teams as Santa Clara, Cal Aggies, and the California Maritime Academy. The State water poloists were defeated twice by San Jose State's Spartans, the California JV's, and once by the Olympic Club. Completing their fourth year on the team were Norm Stupfel, and Larry Soderman, and will therefore be ineligible for future play. Among those who fulfilled their

third year were Sam Citron, who was highscoring man on the club with 36 points to his credit, and Wally Macomber, Paul Larson, Bob Frembling, Robert Leibe, Dan Matarangus, and Ben Elkus. When asked what was expected for the 1956 season, Coach Harden replied, "It's hard to say just what will happen, but we expect another large turnout again for berths on the team." Harden replied that he was gratified by the turnout this year. It was the largest in history, and the 1956 season could well be the same way.

## SF Gators Even Up; Win One, Lose One

By Herb Dower

Vic Gibson's 20 points paced the Gators to a 75-62 victory over the Cal Poly Mustangs Saturday night after the Mustangs had copped a 58-55 triumph Friday.

Gibson opened the scoring Saturday with a 15 foot set shot but the Mustangs then shot into a 7-2 lead. Trailing 19-14 in the first period, the Gators rallied to tie at 19-19 behind the shooting of Thatcher Nance. Nance and Milt Garfield then led the Gators to a 39-28 halftime lead.

### GATORS COMMAND

With five minutes gone in the second half, Vic Gibson led the Gators to a commanding 48-34 lead. Dunn and Gilbert of the Mustangs closed the Gator gap to only four points at 66-62 with two and one half minutes remaining. Gary Kenny then scored a layup which was followed by field goals by Nance and Gibson and freethrows by Browning and Gibson in the final seconds.

### SEE-SAW GAME

In Friday's defeat, the Mustangs and Gators battled through a seesaw game in which the score was tied eight times and the lead changed hands nine times.

The Gators stormed into an 11-6 lead in the first five minutes. The Mustangs roared back to take a 15-13 lead, but the Gators tied it up again at 17-17 on Ernie Browning's jump shot. The Mustangs then pulled away to take a 34-29 lead at the half.

### MUSTANGS PULL AHEAD

Nance and Browning combined to give the Gators a 47-42 lead with seven minutes left, but the Mustangs hit six straight points to regain the lead 48-47. After a field goal by Gibson, the Mustangs pulled into a 53-49 lead.

With one and one half minutes left, Nance and Browning scored to tie the count at 53-53. Oswald of the Mustangs was fouled as he

scored a layup and his freethrow gave Poly a 56-53 lead with one minute remaining.

With 45 seconds left, Kenny made a pair of free throws to make it 56-55, but with 25 seconds left, Oswald was fouled again and made both free throws to ice the game.

Nance, with 18, and Browning with 17, led the Gator attack Friday, while Gibson captured the honors Saturday with 20. Oswald, with 17, led the Mustangs Friday, with Gilbert hitting 22 to lead the scoring parade Saturday.

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## Sigma Pi Champs In Intramural Swim, Football

The annual Swimming Championships were held Tuesday, Dec. 6. First place was won by Sigma Pi Sigma fraternity. Other teams finishing in contention were: 2nd I.A. Forum, 3rd Alameda A.C., 4th Kappa Omega, 5th Alpha Zeta Sigma.

Results: (first three places).

75 yd. relay — I.A. Forum, Alameda AC, Sigma Pi Sigma.

100 yd. free — Miller, Poelmann, Reed.

25 yd. back — Duvall, Poelmann, Fairbanks.

25 yd. breast — Miller, White, Dietz.

Diving—Citron, Gordon, White.

50 yd. free — Miller, Cottingham, Reed.

100 yd. relay — I.A. Forum, Sigma Pi Sigma, Alameda AC.

The championships were held for touch football last Wednesday. Sigma Pi Sigma, the un-scored upon American League winners, beat Alpha Zeta Sigma 13-0. Quarterback John Mackay was a stand out, running to one touchdown and passing to Bernie Johnston for the other.

Kappa Omega won the volleyball championships, beating the Iranian AC 12-6 and 12-8. Standout performances were exhibited by Bob Liebe, Herbe Andersen, Bobby Brown, Larry Conover, and Gerry Kenny.

## Hoopsters Win Two Over HS's

The JV hoopsters last week played four games, winning two and losing two. The first two, played Tuesday and Wednesday nights, were lost to USF JV and Mare Island. The weekend games, against Galileo and Balboa High Schools, were both won by the Gators.

The scores for the weeks games were:

USF 53 — SFS 37

Mare Island 73 — SFS 62

Galileo 37 — SFS 53

Balboa 54 — SFS 70

High scorer for the Mare Island game was Ron Pettygrove with 20 points. He was also high in the Balboa game with a total of 23 points.

The next game scheduled for the Junior Gators will be a return meeting with Mare Island, this time played at SF State. It will take place at 6:15, just before the Varsity game, as usual. They will also play Poly High School the next night, at 6:15, in the Gator gym. These are Friday and Saturday night games.

There are ten teams entered in the present basketball tournament. Again it was necessary to have two divisions. Check bulletin board in men's gym for Tuesday and Thursday schedule.

## Missing Banner

Walt Ray, newly appointed head yell leader, has asked that any student knowing the whereabouts of the purple and gold banner which reads, "Game Today," please notify him in Hut T-1.

## All Drama Majors

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## This Month

### ART

De Young Museum Exhibitions: SF Young Children's Art Show, Relationship Between Art and Architecture, through December. Society of Western Artists, oils, watercolors, pastels and graphic art, 16th annual exhibition, through Dec. 26.

SF Museum of Art, "Young American Painters," through Jan. 22.

De Young Museum December program: Painting by K. S. Frankforter Watercolors by Pat Christian, Ann Newark and Marjorie Stevens; Photographs of the Dance, Larry Colwell; paintings and assemblages by Lucille Brokaw.

American Academy of Asian Studies, 2030 Broadway: second monograph series published dealing with the Abstract Art of Islam by Rom Landau. Price \$1.

### DRAMA

"Twelve Angry Men"; Marina Adult Theatre, Fillmore at Bay Streets, curtain time 8:30 tomorrow night thru Saturday. Admission free.

"Deirdre of the Sorrows," Actors Workshop, 37 Elgin Street Theatre by John M. Synge and "Pound on Demand" by Sean O'Casey.

Tickets at Actors Workshop, 136 Valencia Street or MArket 1-5901.

## WANT ADS

### WANTED

WANTED — Two lodgers to share night-room flat. Share \$80 month rent. Male only. WANut 1-5706.

### LOST

LOST — Gold-plated watch, snake band. 12-5, downtown M car, thru cafe to Ed. Bldg. Call Ellen, OR 3-3600.

LOST — GLASSES navy blue frame with gold trim. Near library Wed. Nov. 23. Please return to ASSFSC Bus. Office, Hut T-1. REWARD.

LOST — Lady's black sandals in redwood-rm, Thurs. Nov. 10. Need now. Please call JUNiper 7-3121.

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## Radio-TV Department On KPIX December

'Christmas Package,' to be presented at 2:30 p.m. Dec. 21, 1955, over Station KPIX, will be the first of many programs presented by the Radio-TV department.

The program, produced by Dave Parker, and assisted by Jack Mortimer, will be narrated by Fenton McKenna, and will include: 'Twas the Night Before Christmas,' directed by Barbara Mee; selections by the Coral Group, directed by John Tegnell; and a short drama by the Children's Theatre Group.

"Much work," Dr. Parker said, has gone into this program."

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